

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON EARTHWORKS AND BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

April 7 -April 10, 2003

Abstracts are being accepted until November 1, 2002 for this multi-disciplinary, international exploration of guiding principles and practice for the preservation and interpretation of battlefield terrain and earthworks. Sites like Richmond National Battlefield Park and Petersburg National Battlefield Park, with their extensive earthworks in various conditions and exposures, will provide tangible examples and inspiration for participants.

This workshop builds on strong foundations: The *Guide for Sustainable Earthworks Management* developed by the US National Park Service and the First International Workshop on Conservation of Battlefield Terrain held in France in March 2000.

During the First International Workshop, two Canadian First World War Memorials in France served as living laboratories for participants from several countries, disciplines, and perspectives who collaborated to define guiding principles for the treatment of these unusual resources. The workshop examined issues of protection and presentation for landscapes containing fortifications, trenches, subterranean works, shell-holes, craters and other scarring of the landscape, and associated artifacts, and produced the *draft Vimy Declaration for Conservation of Battlefield Terrain*.

The Second International Workshop features the following events:

April 8-9: A day and a half-long, international panel discussion representing landscape architecture, soil science, forestry, archaeology, interpretation/presentation, GIS mapping, cultural resource management and military history will be launched with a provocative and inspiring keynote address. The draft Vimy Declaration for Conservation of Battlefield Terrain will provide a point of reference for presenters, with specialists from the first international workshop providing concrete examples and

issues, and selected papers responding to and/or challenging the principles contained in the Declaration (available at <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/terrainworkshop.htm>)

Abstracts should propose papers which explore the following themes:

- the application of the Vimy Declaration to the practice of battlefield terrain preservation and interpretation/presentation: issues, advantages, suggested improvements
- the use of research and documentation to support earthwork preservation
- treatment and conservation; repair and maintenance of earthworks and battlefield terrain
- commemorative layers at battlefield sites: preservation and interpretation
- managing the impacts of tourism at battlefield sites

April 9-10: Earthworks Management Workshop for Site Managers: Based on the Guide to Sustainable Earthworks Management, this two-day workshop will combine field demonstrations, case studies and hands-on experience to provide site managers, cultural and natural resource managers with the tools for sound decision-making about earthwork protection and presentation. Participants will be exposed to planning, inventory, treatment, management, monitoring, and interpretation/presentation techniques.

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More information will be available at the following website starting mid-September 2002:

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/terrainworkshop.htm>

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